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47. The shoe sole as set forth in claim 21, wherein a midsole portion of least firmness or density is located adjacent a centerline of the shoe sole, a midsole portion of greatest firmness or density is located on a first side of the midsole portion of least firmness or density, and a midsole portion of intermediate firmness or density is located on a second side of the midsole portion of least firmness or density, as viewed in a frontal plane cross-section when the shoe sole is upright and in an unloaded condition.

48. A shoe sole as claimed in claim 47, wherein the midsole portions of intermediate and greatest firmness or density are also located adjacent to first and second side edges of the shoe sole, as viewed in a frontal plane cross-section when the shoe sole is upright and in an unloaded condition.

49. The shoe sole as set forth in claim 21, wherein the shoe is an athletic shoe.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice to resubmission. New claims 21-49 have been added. Claims 21-49 are currently pending in the present application.

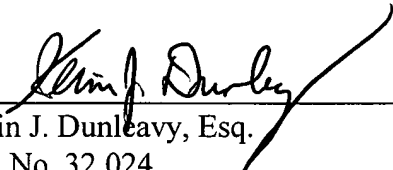
Enclosed herewith are 17 pages of substitute PTO-1449's that were filed in the parent patent application no. 08/452,490; to be initialed by the Examiner to indicate that these references, copies of which have been filed in a parent application of the present application, have been considered.

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